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## SOLAR OBSERVATIONS.

### SOLAR AND SKY RADIATION MEASUREMENTS DURING AUGUST, 1922.

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For a description of instruments and exposures, and an account of the method of obtaining and reducing the measurements, the reader is referred to this REVIEW for April, 1920, 48:225.

From Table 1 it is seen that direct solar radiation intensities averaged slightly above the normal for August at Washington and very close to normal at Madison and Lincoln. A maximum intensity of 1.40 gram-calories per minute per square centimeter of normal surface measured at Washington at noon on August 22 is within 2 per cent of the August maximum for that station.

Table 2 shows that the total solar and sky radiation received on a horizontal surface averaged close to the August normal at both Washington and Madison, although at Washington there was a deficiency in every week except one.

Skylight polarization measurements made on eight days at Washington give a mean of 57 per cent with a maximum of 70 per cent on the 22d. These are above average values for August at Washington. At Madison, measurements made on eight days give a mean of 55 per cent with a maximum of 72 per cent on the 25th. The mean is below the average polarization, and the maximum slightly above the average maximum, for August at Madison.

TABLE 1.—Solar radiation intensities during August, 1922.

[Gram-calories per minute per square centimeter of normal surface.]

Washington, D. C.

Date.	Sun's zenith distance.										
	8 a.m.	78.7°	75.7°	70.7°	60.0°	0.0°	60.0°	70.7°	75.7°	78.7°	Noon.
	75th merid-ian time.	Air mass.									
	e.	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	*1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	e.
August 2.....	m.m.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	m.m.
14. 10.....	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
4.....	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68
5.....	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.60
9.....	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.21
16.....	18.59	18.59	18.59	18.59	18.59	18.59	18.59	18.59	18.59	18.59	18.59
17.....	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37
18.....	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37	17.37
21.....	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.57
22.....	11.38	11.38	11.38	11.38	11.38	11.38	11.38	11.38	11.38	11.38	11.38
23.....	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68
29.....	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.13
Means.....	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70
Departures.....	+0.07	+0.15	+0.02	+0.03	+0.04	+0.20	+0.16	+0.18	+0.13	+0.06	+0.05

Date.	Sun's zenith distance.											Local mean solar time.	
	8 a.m.	78.7°	75.7°	70.7°	60.0°	0.0°	60.0°	70.7°	75.7°	78.7°	Noon.		
	75th merid-ian time.	Air mass.											
	e.	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	*1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	e.		
August 8.....	m.m.	7.57	cal.	m.m.									
9.....	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	
10.....	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.83	
15.....	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	
18.....	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	
19.....	12.24	12.24	12.24	12.24	12.24	12.24	12.24	12.24	12.24	12.24	12.24	12.24	
25.....	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.14	
26.....	8.81	8.81	8.81	8.81	8.81	8.81	8.81	8.81	8.81	8.81	8.81	8.81	
Means.....													
Departures.....	-0.12	-0.02	+0.08	+0.06	+0.04	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	

Date.	Lincoln, Nebr.											Local mean solar time.	
	8 a.m.	78.7°	75.7°	70.7°	60.0°	0.0°	60.0°	70.7°	75.7°	78.7°	Noon.		
	75th merid-ian time.	Air mass.											
	e.	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	*1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	e.		
August 8.....	10.97	10.97	10.97	10.97	10.97	10.97	10.97	10.97	10.97	10.97	10.97	9.83	
10.....	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	
11.....	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	
14.....	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	
15.....	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	13.61	
16.....	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	15.65	
17.....	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	12.68	14.10	
19.....	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	14.10	13.61	
23.....	15.11	15.11	15.11	15.11	15.11	15.11	15.11	15.11	15.11	15.11	15.11	14.10	
24.....	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	10.21	
25.....	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	6.02	
26.....	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47	10.97	
30.....	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.79	
31.....	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	16.79	
Means.....	(0.86)	0.77	0.93	1.09	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	0.63	
Departures.....	-0.09	-0.02	+0.04	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	-0.05	

Week begin-	Average daily radiation.			Average daily departure for the week.			Excess or deficiency since first of year.		
	Wash-ington.	Madison.	Lin-col-n.	Wash-ington.	Madison.	Lin-col-n.	Wash-ington.	Madison.	Lin-col-n.
	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.	cal.
	July 30.....	470	513	.....	-2	+37	.....	-3874	-2394
Aug. 6.....	415	433	.....	-46	-27	.....	-4193	-2480	.....
13.....	439	505	.....	-2	+59	.....	-4209	-2065	.....
20.....	529	371	.....	+109	-54	.....	-3448	-2444	.....
27.....	346	447	.....	-62	+43	.....	-3879	-2141	.....

### MEASUREMENTS OF THE SOLAR CONSTANT OF RADIATION AT CALAMA, CHILE.

NOTE.—Owing to delay in the receipt of the data from South America, the Calama report will be published in a later issue of the REVIEW.—EDITOR.